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The Annual January Sale of
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**Anderson's
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OUR BIG SALE OF**Sheets, Sheetings,
Pillow Cases
and Bolster Cases**

closes promptly Saturday night. Take
advantage of the

Reduced Prices

NOW, as all prices must and will be higher
after this sale!

**ROSEMARY LIBRARY
WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS****HODGES MAY BECOME
BURDEN TO RICHMOND**

Popular Subscription No Longer Sufficient for Maintenance of Collection of 6,000 Volumes.

BOOKS WILL GO TO HIGH SCHOOL NOW ISOLATED AT CITY FARM

On January 31 the Rosemary Library will be closed. The collection of about 6,000 volumes will very probably be sent to the library of the John Marshall High School. This action was decided upon by the board of trustees at a meeting held several days ago, and after it was found that no one had subscription to the sole maintenance, with the exception of those given originally by the library and its descendants to keep the institution open.

With the closing of the Rosemary Library, there remains no collection open to the general public except the State Library, unless it be that some suitable arrangements can be made whereby the library at the John Marshall High School may be used.

The board of trustees, composed of Roswell Page, chairman, Dennis S. Hutzler, T. C. Williams, Henry Taylor, and Wyndham R. Meredith, met several days ago and decided to close the library.

There has been a faithful band of women which has kept the library in operation, chief among them being Mrs. George W. Hardy. Who for the past twenty years has been president of the library association, and who has contributed much toward its up-keep.

The library was founded by Thomas Nelson Page twenty-five years ago, as a memorial to his first wife. Since that time it has been supported entirely by public subscription, which at all times has been insufficient.

**SCHOOL BOARD ASKS
FOR MILLION DOLLARS**

Presents Estimates of Needs for 1916 to Council Finance Committee.

BIG GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT

Cannot Erect Buildings Fast Enough to Reduce Number of Part-Time Classes—Rosemary Library Books Offered to High School.

For three hours last night the Council Finance Committee listened to a detailed explanation of the estimated needs of the Richmond School Board and the Health Department, the former asking for \$1,645,804, and the latter for \$75,000. Each department stated that its needs had been greatly increased by natural growth and that its estimate had been pruned to the lowest possible figure. A 19 per cent increase in the number of pupils forced the School Board to ask for additional schools and for additional rooms in old buildings, necessitating more teaching and more equipment; and the enlargement of the duties of the Board of Education had a larger official staff.

F. C. Ebel, chairman, presenting the estimate of the School Board, said that the year just closed had been the most successful in the history of the board, and that more children are being taught at a less expense per capita than in any city comparable to Richmond in size. In September, 1915, Mr. Ebel, 28,426 pupils were enrolled, showing an increase of 2,558 over the enrollment of 1914, while there was a large increase every year preceding. The number of applications at the John Marshall and the junior high schools has been so large that four more teachers, at \$81 a month, are needed by February 1.

WANT DENTIST TO TREAT INDIGENT CHILDREN

Another new item was that cutting for \$999 with which to pay a school dentist, who shall treat indigent children, and to purchase material. A kindergarten is needed at the Franklin School, entailing an outlay of \$182 for the principal and \$105 for an assistant. An increase of \$10 in the wages of the janitors in the forty-two school buildings in the city was asked for, Mr. Ebel believing it better to obtain young men to train them, giving them a good salary, than to get old men, unfit for work, at small salaries.

Mr. Ebel asked especially that provision be made for additional roads and new buildings, so as to give the necessity of having part-time classes, of which there are now ninety-one, under the part-time system a certain number of children are deprived of a portion of the school time which is their due.

Assistant Superintendent A. H. Hill said that the per capita cost of the pupils is only \$21.99, which is smaller than in most cities of Richmond's size, and replied to a question stated he believed there would be a special levy for schools, though he added it would require an extensive and costly propaganda before such a special tax could be imposed.

NEEDS NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN CENTRAL SECTION

Mr. Hill referred to the crowded condition of the John Marshall High School, and to the need for a junior high school in the central section of the city. The president of the Budget School Mothers' Club voted an appeal that since a central high school be established, saving the 125 children are now ready to enter the Creed Davis and Rev. R. H. Parks asked that twelve rooms be added to the present Junior High School, which has but recently been completed. The necessity of providing free textbooks, at a cost of \$1.75 or 75 cents per pupil, was emphasized.

Other special items asked for are summer Normal School, room school of athletics, \$4,000, separate schools and food for the children who attend them, \$1,000; equipment of the new schools, Franklin, Duncan, Fairmount, Glendale, Park, Fulton and Moore, \$26,500; and the grading of surrounding walks, \$5,000. The idea of establishing a school of athletics was endorsed by Mrs. William A. Brooks, president of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, the president of the Church Civic Association and others.

ROSEMARY LIBRARY COLLECTION OFFERED TO HIGH SCHOOL

Wyndham R. Meredith presented the offer by the trustees of Rosemary Library, which must be closed on February 1, of 6,000 volumes to the John Marshall High School. He said the library would serve 2,600 pupils, 1,500 from the High School and 1,100 from the Virginia Mechanics Institute. It would require Mr. Meredith an expenditure of only \$1,250, half for the services of a librarian, and half for extension of the library.

Rosemary Library, he said, was established twenty-six years ago by himself, Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, once city engineer of Richmond; Major Lewis Oliver and Major T. D. Myers. Mrs. Meredith, of Lawrenceville, was told to give details under which the gift is to be made, as its private papers are now in the hands of Ambassador Page, but he was sure that there would be no difficulty in effecting the transfer. He paid high tribute to Mrs. Page, who has served the library with unfailing devotion since its establishment.

Rev. A. D. Daniels, colored, presented a petition for the erection of a new colored school in Fulton.

ESTIMATES CALL FOR LARGE PART OF CITY'S REVENUE

A summary of the estimates of the School Board—nearly 27 per cent of the city's revenue—is as follows:

Play roll account \$ 579,225.00

Expense, repairs and im-

provements 34,279.00

Special items 69,300.00

New buildings and other property 315,000.00

Total \$1,645,804.00

Following is an itemized list, included in the summary, of additions and buildings asked for:

Lot for junior high school in central section of the city \$ 50,000.00

New building on Kensington

lot in West End 126,000.00

Addition of twelve rooms to Blufford Junior High School

Building on Fulton (Webster Davis) lot 50,000.00

Addition to George Mason School 45,000.00

Building on lot near Forest Hill 25,000.00

Total \$315,000.00

Judgment Entered.

Judgment was entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court in the suit of Joseph H. Dulcher against Thomas T. Dulcher, for \$2,272.25. The suit was an action in debt.

SUBSTITUTE JUSTICE APPOINTED.

Rev. John J. Scherer, Jr., was ap-

pointed yesterday by Judge Richard-

son of the Hustings Court as substit-

ute justice for the Domestic Rela-

tions and Juvenile Court. He will act

for Justice L. Hugo Ricks, who is ill

OBJECTIONS RAISED TO SPECIAL PRIMARY LAW

Lists of Qualified Voters Will Not Be Available Until After June 6.

PROBLEM UP TO LEGISLATURE

General Assembly Has Power to Provide Special Electorate for Primary Plan in Spring—Held to Mean Death of State Convention.

Virginia Democrats have been quick to point out the objections to the suggestion that the Legislature amend the primary law so as to provide for the holding of a special primary this spring to elect delegates to the national Democratic convention in the State.

The delegating of this function—hitherto performed by the State convention—to a primary, it is objected, will mean nothing less than the death of the convention, and with it the destruction of the community of interest that the convention has commanded between Democrats of far-separated sections of the State.

In his statement Tuesday, recommending the amendment of the primary law to make possible the participation with the rules adopted by the Baltimore National Convention requiring delegates to the convention to be chosen by primary, Lieutenant-Governor Ellison agreed that this would detract largely from the interest in the State convention probably accomplished by its death as a party institution.

Another difficulty has been suggested in connection with ascertaining who would be qualified to vote in a primary to be held in May, for example. City Treasurer James P. Atkinson of Lynchburg, has drawn attention to the fact that the treasurers of the State lists with the list of poll taxes paid until after June 6, since under the law voters will be allowed until this date to pay their contributions. The treasurers will have thirty days in which to file their lists with the court clerks, who must provide copies of them before they are available for the conduct of an election.

Under the general provisions of the proposed law, any voter qualified to vote in an election is also qualified to vote in the primary which precedes that election. Thus voters qualified to vote in the election of next November for members of Congress will have the right to vote in the August primary.

The fact that a complete list of the voters qualified to participate in the November election will not be available until about July 1, however, has the effect of complicating the question of who should be permitted to take part in a primary to be held before the lists are available in May primary as proposed.

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WELLING PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED

Party authorities admitted yesterday that a nice problem was involved, but were of the belief that it can easily be solved by the General Assembly. The Legislature, it was pointed out, having created the present primary law, can just as readily amend it to make the electorate participating in the primary independent of the electorate participating in the general election.

Should the General Assembly decide to move up the August primary to a date in May or early in June it could provide for example, that all persons qualified to vote in the general election, and those who have since qualified shall be able to participate in the primary.

It would not be at all surprising if this morning the plumbmer were to be greatly in demand, for a considerable drop in temperature was expected by Mr. Evans, chief of the weather station here.

LEWIS APPOINTED

Essex County Man Named as Secretary of State Commission of Fisheries.

James M. Lewis of Essex County, was yesterday appointed by Governor Stuart secretary of the State Commission of Fisheries to succeed Walter H. Byland, who died last week in office.

Mr. Lewis is Commonwealth's attorney for Essex County, and lives at Tappahannock. He was a member of the House of Delegates from 1908 to 1914, representing the Counties of Essex and King and Queen. His appointment as secretary to the Commission of Fisheries will necessitate his resignation as Commonwealth's attorney. The secretary's pay is \$2,600 a year.

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No difficulty is anticipated by party authorities in so amending the primary law as to provide proper eligibility requirements to govern the election of commissioners of fisheries, and those who have since qualified shall be able to participate in the general election.

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A Correction

In the Times-Dispatch of yesterday, in a report of the action of the Supreme Court of Appeals, which denied the habeas corpus petition of Thomas M. Meredith, of Lawrenceville, it was stated that Mr. Meredith was "in jail awaiting trial for alleged violations of the Barksdale pre-election law."

Mr. Meredith, counsel for Mr. Meredith, in a telegram to The Times-Dispatch from Washington early this morning, said that this statement was incorrect. His telegram reads:

"As counsel for Meredith, I know that these statements are incorrect. A careful reading of his petition for writ of habeas corpus would have revealed the facts."

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LET EVERY MAN TAKE NOTICE

GANS-RADY COMPANY'S Famous Mid-Season Reduction Sale

Sale starts this morning, when hundreds of our choicest Suits and Overcoats which sold at \$20, \$22.50 and \$25 will be on sale at

\$16.00 Each

Light and heavy-weight Overcoats, English and conservative cut Suits.

Gans-Rady Company**MINISTERIAL DINNER**

Governor Stuart and Rev. J. B. Hutson, D.